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SUBJ: MINTOFF ANNOUNCES SAUDI ARABIAN LOAN TO MALTA

REF: VALLETTA 1631, 1589, 1574 (NOTAL)

1. IN A STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT ON OCTOBER 15, PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF ANNOUNCED THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT WITH SAUDI ARABIA FOR A TWENTY-YEAR, FIVE MILLION DOLLAR INTEREST-FREE LOAN. ACCORDING TO MINTOFF, THIS LOAN WILL BE UTILIZED TO PARTIALLY FINANCE THE PROPOSED NEW GOM-SPONSORED DRYDOCK AT MARSA FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 40,000 TO 90,000 TON TANKERS. TEXT OF MMINTOFF STATEMENT FOLLOWS VIA UNCLASSIFIED SEPTTEL.

2. COMMENT: GENERAL DETAILS OF SAUDI ARABIAN LOAN HAVE BEEN KNOWN PUBLICLY FOR SEVERAL WEEKS; THEREFORE ONLY SIGNIFICANT NEW INFORMATION IS GOM INTENTION TO USE LOAN TO FINANCE MARSA DRYDOCK PROJECT. OPPOSITION (NATIONALIST) REPRESENTATIVES REPORTEDLY DID NOT COMMENT OR RAISE ANY QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT CONCERNING MINTOFF'S STATEMENT. SAUDI ARABIAN LOAN ANNOUNCEMENT DOES NOT RPT NOT RELATE TO OCTOBER 4-10 MINTOFF VISIT TO SEVERAL MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES. HE HAS NOT YET REPORTED TO PARLIAMENT OR COMMENTED PUBLICLY ON THE RESULTS OF THAT TRIP.

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